



Advancing the ISE with Tribal Nation Partners and Senior Tribal Advisor Joe LaPorte

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I would like to congratulate my Senior Tribal Advisor Joe LaPorte for his recent re-election as Chair of the Indian Country Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). We greatly value our work with IACP in information sharing, and Joe's efforts to improve information sharing and access for tribal nations is critical to our success in building an Information Sharing Environment.

Due to Joe's leadership and guidance, a few of the many advancements last year for tribal law enforcement information sharing include: direct access for four tribal law enforcement agencies to the federally controlled National Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (Nlets) databases, pilot program access to four State and Major Urban Area Fusion Centers, and significant front line officer training for the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative. Information sharing progress like this with tribal nations helps us improve officer safety, homeland security, and [border security efforts](#) [1].

I have no doubt that the Indian Country Section of IACP will continue to make great progress in this coming year - some of their goals and objectives include:

- Deepen tribal/state/local/federal partnerships and information sharing, especially in Fusion Centers
- Help inform and improve cross deputation, state recognition/certification of tribal law enforcement officers by promoting consistent training and certification standards
- Develop training standards and reciprocity of Indian Academy credits between states and tribal law enforcement
- Integrate and support IACP officer safety projects and their recommendations and resources
- Outline the security responsibilities of law enforcement and crime that follows gaming enterprises
- Engage Section membership to detail regional concerns and priorities for the above items

I look forward to continuing to work with the International Association of the Chiefs of Police in information sharing and, again, I congratulate Joe in his recent re-election as Chair of the Indian Country Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

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